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New Hampshire judge pauses Trump's birthright citizenship order nationwide via class action lawsuit

By HOLLY RAMER and
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Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) —

A federal judge in New Hampshire issued a ruling Thursday prohibiting President Donald Trump's executive order ending birthright citizenship from taking effect anywhere in the U.S. Judge Joseph LaPlante issued a preliminary injunction blocking Trump's order and certified a class action lawsuit including all children who will be affected. The order, which followed an hour-long hearing, included a seven-day stay to allow for appeal.

The judge's decision puts the birthright citizenship issue on a fast track to return to the Supreme Court.



ACLU attorneys Gilles Bissonnette, left, and Cody Wofsy speak with reporters after a federal judge said he would certify their class action lawsuit challenging President Donald Trump's executive order ending birthright citizenship and issue a temporary injunction blocking the order for all children who would be affected by it on Thursday, July 10, 2025 in Concord, N.H.

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States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States." The Trump administration says the phrase "subject to the jurisdiction thereof" means the U.S. can deny citizenship to babies born to women in the country illegally, ending what has been seen as an intrinsic part of U.S. law for more than a century.

"Prior misimpressions of the citizenship clause have created a perverse incentive for illegal immigration that has negatively impacted this country's sovereignty, national security, and economic stability," government lawyers wrote in the New Hampshire case.

LaPlante, who had issued a narrow injunction in a similar case, said while he didn't consider the government's arguments frivolous, he found them unpersuasive. He said his decision to issue an injunction was "not a close call" and that deprivation of U.S. citizenship clearly amounted to irreparable harm.

"That's irreparable harm, citizenship alone," said LaPlante. "It is the greatest privilege that exists in the world."

White House spokesman Harrison Fields accused LaPlante, who was appointed by Republican President George W. Bush, of "abusing class action procedures."

"The Trump Administration will be fighting vigorously against the attempts of these rogue district court judges to impede the policies President Trump was elected to implement," he said in a statement.

During Thursday's hearing, Deputy Assistant Attorney General Eric Hamilton argued that both approving a class action and issuing an injunction would be premature, given that no one other than Trump has taken action. He said doing so would mean a single court could become the "end-all-and-be-all" in reversing new federal policies and said if anything, the injunction should be limited to New Hampshire. □

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The justices could be asked to rule whether the order complies with their decision last month that limited judges' authority to issue nationwide injunctions. The Supreme Court said district judges generally can't issue nationwide, or universal, injunctions. But it didn't rule out whether judges could accomplish much the same thing by a different legal means, a class action.

The class approved in New Hampshire is slightly narrower than that sought by the plaintiffs, who wanted to include parents, but attorneys said that wouldn't make a material difference. "This is going to protect every single child around the country from this lawless, unconstitutional and cruel executive order," said Cody Wofsy, an attorney for the plaintiffs.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of a pregnant woman, two parents and their infants. It's among numerous cases challenging Trump's January order denying citizenship to those born to parents living in the U.S. illegally or temporarily. The plaintiffs are represented by the American Civil Liberties Union and others.

At issue is the Constitution's 14th Amendment, which states: "All persons born or naturalized in the United

Most U.S. adults say child care costs are a 'major problem,' a new AP-NORC poll finds

By ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON
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Associated Press

Americans overwhelmingly view the cost of child care as a significant issue, and most support initiatives to offer free or low-cost day care and to require employers to provide paid family leave for parents of babies, according to a new poll.

But they're divided over how to solve the problem and what role the government should have in that solution.

About three-quarters of U.S. adults see child care costs as a "major problem," but only about half say helping working families pay for child care should be a "high priority" for the federal government, according to the June poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

The latest congressional package of tax cuts included tax credits and benefits for parents and businesses that assist employees with child care. Those changes have been praised by some, while others say millions of families at lower income levels wouldn't get the full credit and would be affected by cuts in Medicaid and food stamps.

The poll findings help explain the difficulty advocacy groups, elected officials and families navigate



Pre-K students at The Learning Lamp Center for Children in Somerset participate in a ceremonial ribbon-cutting to celebrate the completion of its "Child Care Works for Somerset" campaign at the facility on Aberdeen Drive in Somerset County, Pa., May 16, 2024.

in trying to address the high costs of care: While most agree it's a problem, there isn't a simple fix. For instance, while government-funded child care is popular, that might not be everyone's first choice. Many U.S. adults also think it's better for children with two parents to be cared for full time by a parent.

"Everyone kind of agrees that it's a problem that we need to address," said Sarah Rittling, executive director of the First Five Years Fund advocacy organization. "By having this issue out there, it really is driving a lot of bipartisan conversations."

Some consensus on free

day care and paid family leave

Most Americans support initiatives to offer child care or additional time for working families to spend with babies. About two-thirds support providing free or low-cost day care for children too young to attend public school, and a similar share favor requiring employers to provide paid family leave for new parents.

Women are more likely than men to support the proposals, and Democrats are more likely than Republicans, but each is popular across the board.

Mary Banek, a nurse anesthesiologist of Midlothian, Texas, said she helps take care of

her 1-year-old grandson so he doesn't need day care. When she had her kids, she left the workforce and got a license to start a day care from her home to watch 12 children, including her own, so she could generate income.

Banek said she's surprised at the high fees at day cares these days.

"I don't know what's happened and why it is so expensive," Banek said, adding maybe there's a way to cap costs. She doesn't feel the government should foot the cost.

Many think parents should be caregivers

While many solutions focus on families with working

parents, there isn't broad agreement this is the best arrangement for children. Just under half of U.S. adults, 45%, say children with two parents are better off when one parent doesn't have a job and raises the children. Only about 1 in 10 say children are better off when both parents work full time, and about 4 in 10 say it doesn't make a difference. Vice President JD Vance has tried to push for ideas that would encourage Americans to have families but has opposed government spending on child care, saying children benefit from having a parent or family member at home as a caretaker.

About half of men say children with two parents are better off when one is the full-time caregiver, compared with about 4 in 10 women.

Stephen Yip-Wineman, 45, a high school teacher from Murrieta, California, who describes himself as a moderate, said he feels society doesn't see the value of parents choosing to be caretakers.

"A lot of people are pushed into the idea that everyone in their family is going to work and that's the way of being a productive member of society," Yip-Wineman said. "They think staying home and taking care of the kids is somehow not contributing." □

Associated Press

Microsoft Outlook users experience hourslong outage impacting email access

NEW YORK (AP) — After Outlook users ran into issues accessing their email accounts late Wednesday and into Thursday, Microsoft says that affected systems are back online. Microsoft 365 first said that it was investigating an issue with Outlook Wednesday night, and later shared it was deploying a fix. But there were some delays — with the company noting that it encountered a problem with its "initial fix,"

for example.

Disruptions appeared to peak just before noon ET on Thursday, when more than 2,700 users worldwide reported issues with Outlook, formerly also Hotmail, to outage tracker Downtime. Some said they encountered problems like loading their inboxes or signing in.

By later in the afternoon, reports had fallen to just over a couple hundred. And in an update on social me-

dia shortly after 3:30 p.m. ET, Microsoft 365 said that a configuration change had "fully saturated throughout the affected environments and resolved impact for all users."

"Everything is up and running," Microsoft's status page added.

Microsoft did not immediately provide more information about what had caused the hourslong outage. A spokesperson for Microsoft had no further



The Microsoft company logo is displayed at their offices in Sydney, Australia, on Feb. 3, 2021.

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comment when reached Thursday. □
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Angela Paxton files for divorce from Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton after 38 years of marriage

By **JIM VERTUNO**
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas state Sen. Angela Paxton, the wife of Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, filed for divorce on Thursday, seeking to end 38 years of marriage as her husband campaigns for the U.S. Senate.

Angela Paxton had stuck by her husband through a decade of legal troubles that included state and federal corruption investigations and a 2023 state impeachment trial that publicly exposed his extra-marital affair.

A state securities fraud indictment against Ken Paxton was recently dismissed after a 2024 plea deal to pay restitution and complete community service, and the federal justice department dropped a corruption probe earlier this year.

His 2023 impeachment trial ended with his full acquittal.

A fierce and vocal ally of President Donald Trump, Ken Paxton was first elect-



Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, left, walks with his wife and Texas State Sen. Angela Paxton on the sideline before an NCAA college football game between Navy and SMU in Dallas, Oct. 14, 2022.

ed state attorney general in 2014 and is now campaigning to unseat longtime Sen. John Cornyn in the 2026 Republican primary.

Angela Paxton, who stood by her husband during the impeachment trial, cited

"recent discoveries" in her announcement on social media that she had filed for divorce.

"Today, after 38 years of marriage, I filed for divorce on biblical grounds," Angela Paxton posted on X. "I believe marriage is a sa-

cred covenant and I have earnestly pursued reconciliation. But in light of recent discoveries, I do not believe that it honors God or is loving to myself, my children, or Ken to remain in the marriage.

"I move forward with com-

plete confidence that God is always working everything together for the good of those who love Him and who are called according to His purpose," she wrote. Ken Paxton later posted his own statement asking for prayers and privacy.

"After facing the pressures of countless political attacks and public scrutiny, Angela and I have decided to start a new chapter in our lives," Ken Paxton posted on X. "I could not be any more proud or grateful for the incredible family that God has blessed us with, and I remain committed to supporting our amazing children and grandchildren."

Angela and Ken Paxton had been central figures in each other's rise in Texas politics.

A former high school teacher and guidance counselor, Angela Paxton used to play guitar and sing, "I'm a pistol-packin' mama, and my husband sues Obama," at his campaign events and Republican clubs across the state. □

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Woman convicted of stowing away on flight to Paris faces extradition to Connecticut

By **PHILIP MARCELO**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman convicted of stowing away on a flight from New York to Paris without a boarding pass or a passport won't be released from custody as she faces new charges of breaching security at a Connecticut airport.

Svetlana Dali was sentenced Thursday to time already served for her illegal ride to Paris last year.

But a federal judge in Brooklyn said she would not be released as Connecticut authorities are seeking to extradite her to face felony charges that could have her serving up to five years behind bars if convicted.

The 57-year-old, who is originally from Russia but has a green card, has been held in a federal lockup in Brooklyn for roughly seven

months.

Connecticut State Police confirmed after the hearing that they have an active arrest warrant against Dali, but, in an emailed statement, said release of any further information would be "dependent on an arrest being made" in

Connecticut.

During her sentencing Thursday, Dali spoke for more than half an hour, repeating in detail her claim that she believes she is being poisoned by unknown persons.

She pleaded with the judge to order medical tests to

prove her fears, which she said had prompted her to attempt to flee the country by boarding the Paris flight illegally.

All of these actions were taken in order to save my life," Dali said in Russian through a translator.

Prosecutors say that on Nov. 24, 2024, Dali was able to get through security checkpoints at Bradley International Airport near Hartford, Connecticut, by hiding among other passengers.

She wasn't able to board a plane, but two days later, she successfully evaded security at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York and boarded a plane bound for Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris.

Prosecutors said Dali was initially rebuffed by a Transportation Security Administration official when she

was unable to produce a boarding pass.

But she was able to get through a special security lane for airline employees by joining a large flight crew for Air Europa as they were screened and patted down. At the gate for the Paris flight, surveillance video showed Dali sneaking past Delta Air Lines staff checking tickets by again blending into a large group of passengers.

On the plane, prosecutors say Dali hid in a bathroom for hours and wasn't discovered by Delta crew members until the plane was nearing Paris.

During her trial, Dali took the stand in her defense, maintaining she was never asked to show her boarding pass at the gate in JFK and had gone into the airplane bathroom because she was feeling sick. □



A vehicle stops at Terminal 1 at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, Feb. 17, 2023.

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EU chief Ursula von der Leyen comfortably survives a confidence vote

By LORNE COOK
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen comfortably survived a vote of no confidence on Thursday, as an overwhelming number of European Union lawmakers rejected a censure motion against her.

The motion contained a mix of allegations against von der Leyen, including text messaging privately with the chief executive of vaccine maker Pfizer during the COVID-19 pandemic, misuse of EU funds and interference in elections in Germany and Romania.

The motion was defeated in a 360-175 vote against it, with 18 lawmakers choosing to abstain during a plenary session at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France. Von der Leyen wasn't present for the vote, but taking to social media, she posted: "As external forces seek to destabilize and divide us, it is our duty to respond in line with our values. Thank you,



European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen delivers her speech during a statement on the preparation for the EU-China Summit, Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, eastern France.

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and long live Europe."

The vote has been a lightning rod for criticism of Von der Leyen who led the EU drive to find vaccines for around 450 million citizens during the pandemic and her European People's Party, or EPP, which is the largest political family in the assembly.

They're accused of cozying up to the hard right to push through their agenda and sidestepping mainstream

pro-European parties when it's difficult or inconvenient to form a majority. The European Parliament shifted perceptibly to the political right after Europe-wide elections a year ago.

"We won't vote with the far-right and we do not support this motion. This vote was little more than a far-right PR stunt from Putin-loving populists," Greens group President Terry Reintke said in a statement

after the poll, referring to Russian President Vladimir Putin. However, she added: "We are ready to build pro-European majorities, but we will not be played by the EPP in their desperate deregulation agenda and their desire to consistently form anti-European majorities with the far-right."

Iratxe García Pérez, the leader of the No. 2 bloc in parliament, the Socialists and Democrats, said that "our vote doesn't mean that we are not critical of the European Commission. The recent shifts by von der Leyen towards far-right pledges are a major cause for alarm."

After voting against, Valerie Hayer, the leader of the pro-business Renew group, insisted in a social media post that von der Leyen must "take control of her political family to put an end to alliances with the far right." The EPP has notably worked with the hard right to fix the agenda for hearing von der Leyen's new commissioners when they were questioned

for their suitability for their posts last year, and to reject an ethics body meant to combat corruption.

The censure motion, the first at the European Parliament in over a decade, was brought against the European Commission president by a group of hard-right lawmakers.

On the eve of the vote, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán said on Facebook that it would "be the moment of truth: on one side the imperial elite in Brussels, on the other patriots and common sense. There is no getting out of it, it is essential to make a choice."

He posted: "Madam President, the essence of leadership is responsibility. Time to go!" Von der Leyen's commission has frequently clashed with Orbán over his staunchly nationalist government's moves to roll back democracy.

The European Commission has frozen Hungary's access to billions of euros in EU funds. □

Hong Kong police arrest 4 men linked to a Taiwan-based group and accuse them of subversion

By KANIS LEUNG
Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong police announced on Thursday that they arrested four people linked to a Taiwan-based group under a Beijing-imposed national security law, accusing them of conspiracy to commit subversion.

Steve Li, Chief Superintendent of the National Security Department, said the arrests on Wednesday involved four men between 15 and 47 years old. They face up to life imprisonment if convicted. Police said their organiza-

tion, reportedly called the Hong Kong Democratic Independence Union, was founded last year in Taiwan. The self-ruled island is one of the democratic territories where many Hong Kongers have emigrated to in recent years due to fears over Hong Kong's sweeping security law. The group's Facebook page only had dozens of followers.

Li said the four men's roles included designing flags, studying how to solicit assistance from foreign countries, and planning to provide military training for members.

During their search in Hong Kong, Li said police found a proposal to urge the U.S. to devise plans to save Hong Kong political prisoners as well as some flags that featured designs about Hong Kong and Tibet's independence. He said the group's members held an online news conference in Taipei in February, during which some of its members pledged to "end the Communist Party" and "Liberate Hong Kong," among other goals.

On July 1, when the former British colony marked the 28th anniversary of its return



Li Kwai-wah, Chief Superintendent, National Security Department, Hong Kong Police, speaks at a presser about the arrest of four people linked to a Taiwan-based group under the Beijing-imposed national security law, in Hong Kong, Thursday, July 10, 2025.

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to Chinese rule, the group held an activity abroad that saw participants stepping on the Chinese national flag and Hong Kong's regional flag, Li said. He said members

played the song "Glory to Hong Kong," which was often sung by demonstrators during huge anti-government protests in 2019 and was later banned by a court. □

Over 90 arrests made in global crackdown on environmental crime in the Amazon Basin

By **STEVEN GRATTAN**

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) —

Assets worth over \$64 million were seized and 94 people arrested as part of a multinational law enforcement operation targeting environmental crime in the Amazon Basin.

The crackdown, coordinated by the United Arab Emirates, has struck a major blow to transnational environmental crime networks, officials said.

The campaign, which ran from June 23 to July 6, mobilized more than 1,500 officers from Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. Authorities conducted over 350 coordinated raids targeting illegal mining, wildlife trafficking, logging and fuel smuggling across some of the Amazon's most remote and ecologically sensitive regions.

Dubbed Operation Green Shield, the crackdown was coordinated by the UAE's Ministry of Interior through the International Initiative of Law Enforcement for Climate (I2LEC), a platform launched in 2023 to support climate-related policing. A central command center was established in Colombia's capital, Bogota, with



Visible deforestation from illegal mining is visible along rivers near Paimado, Colombia, Sept. 24, 2024.

real-time data sharing, officials said.

"Environmental crime displaces communities, fuels violence against women and children, and erodes cultural heritage. These are not just crimes against nature they are crimes against people," Lt. Col. Dana Humaid, Director-General of the International Affairs Bureau at the UAE Ministry of Interior and Coordinator of I2LEC, told The Associated

Press in a call.

Humaid said countries worked closely to set shared priorities, ensuring the operation aligned with both national objectives and broader international goals.

"That's what made it different it wasn't top-down, it was a joint design and execution," she said.

Trafficking endangered species

Among the seizures were

more than 310 tons of raw minerals, 3,800 cubic meters of timber, 39,000 gallons of smuggled fuel, and 530 pieces of equipment, including trucks and bulldozers.

Authorities also recovered more than 2,100 live animals and 6,350 dead specimens including birds, reptiles, and mammals that were being trafficked through illegal wildlife networks.

Raids and arrests took

place simultaneously across a wide stretch of the Amazon, including Sarare Indigenous Land in Brazil's Mato Grosso state, home to the Nambikwara people, and El Cenepa Province in Peru's Amazonas region, where the Kumpanam Indigenous community resides, authorities said.

In Brazil, authorities also deployed teams in Amapa state. In Colombia, operations were carried out in at least 22 departments, including Putumayo, Guaviare, Choco, Antioquia and Vichada. In Ecuador, law enforcement activity spanned dozens of locations from Carchi Province, home to the Awa Indigenous people, to Loja, Zamora, Santo Domingo and other provinces.

One of the largest wildlife rescues occurred in Peru, where police recovered 1,400 live animals and dismantled a group known as Los Depredadores del Oriente, accused of trafficking endangered species. In Colombia, authorities said they disrupted three criminal groups and took down a cell allegedly linked to the Clan del Golfo, a powerful organized crime syndicate. □

A Mexican court sentences 10 men to 141 years each in a cartel-run recruitment ranch

By **FABIOLA SÁNCHEZ**

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A

Mexican court on Tuesday sentenced 10 men to 141-year prison terms each for their involvement in a ranch in the western Mexican state of Jalisco that was used by a feared cartel to recruit members, kill and disappear victims.

The discovery earlier this year of the Izaguirre ranch, used by the Jalisco New Generation Cartel for recruitment and training since 2021, had sparked alarm and fear across the region.

The 10 men were arrested in September 2024 during an initial raid on the proper-

ty. They were convicted on Monday in the disappearance and murder of three

victims. On Tuesday, each was sentenced to 141 years and three months in prison,

and ordered to pay 1.3 million pesos (about \$65,000) in restitution to the victims' families, the local prosecutor's office said.

Five other suspects detained in the case are still awaiting trial, including three municipal police officers, a CJNG operative who allegedly recruited new members, and José Murguía Santiago, the mayor of Teuchitlan, the municipality where the ranch is located.

Murguía Santiago was arrested just days after Mexico's Attorney General Alejandro Gertz Manero revealed that since 2021, the Jalisco state Human Rights Commission had

alerted Teuchitlan authorities about the ranch being operated by CJNG, but the warning was ignored for years.

The case had sparked a major controversy after Guerrero Buscadores de Jalisco a group that searches for missing persons reported in March 5 the discovery of numerous charred human bones and hundreds of clothing items and shoes at the site.

The shock brought back into the spotlight stark violence and rampant impunity in cartel-plagued parts of the Latin American nation and the tragedy of the investigations into Mexico's 130,000 missing people. □



Police stand guard outside the entrance of the Izaguirre Ranch where skeletal remains were discovered in Teuchitlan, Jalisco state, Mexico, March 13, 2025.

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Aruba: the legend behind its name

(Oranjestad)—Most folkloric tales and legends in Aruba revolve around our indigenous ancestors, who came from mainland Venezuela, and discovered the island and made it into their new home. This particular legend tells the story of the birth of the Aruba name.

The legend follows the life of Arua, an indigenous Cacique originally from Aroa in the Falcon state in Venezuela in the year 50 AD. Arua had a son around the year 70 AD with his wife Shira, who they named Corobori. When Corobori was old enough, he joined his father on the usual boat trip to the islands of Curacao and Bonaire to gather salt.

On their way back to Mainland Venezuela, they were caught up in a heavy rain storm—a side effect from a passing, but far away, hurricane. Of course, because of the lack of motors and sail, their boat was left in the mercy of the heavy winds. After a while, the storm started to pass, and the clouds began to clear up. Finally able to see around them, the Cacique spotted land approximately an hour away. So, they started to row in that direction until they reached the coast.

Once they arrived on what they thought was Venezuela, they decided to stay the night and fix their kayak. The next morning, the Cacique ordered his son and a few warriors to go find any sign of population in the area: "Corobori," Arua said. "Don't come back without news. It's in your hands how long we stay here till we find our family. So, if you need to take a week to gather information, we will wait for you."

"Don't worry," Corobori replied. "As soon as we have any information, we will let you know." Armed with arrows and spears, backpacks filled with food and water containers, they set off. They climbed several small hills, but no sign of a village. They crossed different dry riverbeds, but no sign of anything. When the sun finally descended, they found

themselves near a fairly tall hill and decided to climb it for a better view of a village. This hill was called Pan Dushi or Orcuyo, which today we call Hooiberg.

The next morning, they could clearly see that they have landed on an island, but an unfamiliar one at that. When Corobori went back to where his father was waiting, he told him the news: "Father Arua, you have just discovered an island, but it is not Curacao or Bonaire. Far in the south, we saw the big mountains of our homeland Venezuela, which we could have never seen on the other island. This leads us to believe we are on a new island. But that's not all. When the sun came up, we saw in the distance a glowing plain, which we think may be salt."

The Cacique was pleased to hear of his son's findings. He decided to stay a couple days on the newly-discovered island in search for salt. The next morning they ascended Hooiberg again and stayed to see if they could find nearby smoke, indicating an inhabitant village. But they found nothing. So they went back to their initial arrival settlement, now known as Santo Largo in Savaneta. The next morning they hiked along the Spaans Lagoen near the Mangel Halto Beach and reached the area of Bushiri. There, they boarded their kayaks and heading to what we know now as Malmok, where they found rocks of salt. After a couple days of exploring the island and gathering some salt rocks, they left for Venezuela, where they were reunited with their families.

Throughout the year, they travelled back and forth to Aruba, collecting salt. After a while they settled on the island, generations of families living along the coast. Corobori was the first indigenous inhabitant in our history to explore the entirety of the island.

Arua, after decades as the leader of his tribe, spent his last days on the island. Having reached 80 years old, he

called for his family on his death bed. In his hammock, he said: "My children, many years have passed, and I've asked my warrior to bring me back to the island so I can laid to rest. The God of living has given me the gift of life to see my son, grandchildren and great grandchildren. But now he is calling me home. Corobori, my torch is now passed to you. Guide our people, and be the leader you were always meant to become. If one day you leave my island, do not forget that it is also yours. This is my last wish: When I die, bury me in our maize plantation."

And so when the Cacique passed away, his wishes were granted and he was laid to rest in the area we now know as the Paradera Cemetery. Where he used to



live, they built the Paradera Church.

And that is the tale of what inspired the Aruba name. In the generations that lived or travelled back and forth to the island, there were many familiar names*, like Guadiriki, a warrior who was there when the island got discovered and his son, whom he called Huliba; Corobori and his children, Corodori, Camacuri and Turibana, Masiduri;

and Malmok, the 13-year-old boy who alerted the Cacique when the Caribes attacked.

Familiar names: all these names are familiar to Arubans, as these are the names of places and plants on the island. □

Source: Un storia di e Indjan Arua (A story of the Indian Arua) by Adolf (Dufi) Kock

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Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Renaissance Ocean Suites!

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing Emerald Ambassadors of Aruba. The honorees were respectively honored with a certificate for their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

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Emerald Ambassadors

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- The Aruban people are so kind.
- Aruba's beaches.
- Aruba's culture and history.
- The water (drinking) tastes so good.
- Familiarity, it's home away from home.

Something remarkable about this honoring was that Mrs. Ohl still has her first certificate from her initial honor back in 1993.

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island".

Aruba's most family-friendly beaches

(Oranjestad)—One of the biggest concerns that parents have when travelling with their children is a guarantee of their safety and healthy enjoyment. Therefore, we thought it would be a great help to travelling parents to list off some of the most family-friendly beaches around the island.

Baby Beach in San Nicolas

Baby Beach is one of Aruba's most popular and visited beaches, and for good reason: This sandy and quiet lagoon is a great place for parents to sit back and relax while their children play in the shallow shores of the beach. Beside the relaxing atmosphere, there are also several services that may accommodate your stay, like a parking lot, sun tent rentals, chairs, bathrooms and a snack bar right at the far left of the beach.

Mangel Halto in Pos Chiquito

Mangel Halto is situated in the back streets of the Pos Chiquito city. Though there are several stairs on the sides of the beach cliff leading you down, the best spot for families to hang out is across

the bridge, passed the mangrove trees near the entrance sign. Here, there are small and big palapas, perfect for big and small families to set up their belongings. In this area, the shore is also shallow, falling right around your knee before slowly getting deeper: perfect for kids to safely play.

Eagle Beach/Palm Beach in the hotel area

Yet another highly popular beach site, Eagle Beach and Palm Beach is where most of our visitors go to tan, swim or play in the white sand. Because they are near the low-rise and high-rise hotel areas, these

beaches are the most accessible for visitors on foot. These beaches also offer many palapas free to use, but you can also rent chairs and tents. Much like Baby Beach, these sites are one of the best beaches for your children to play and build sand castles.

Boca Catalina in Malmok

Boca Catalina is a small bay beach near the Malmok beach area further down the hotel areas. Though it may not be a very sandy beach, it is relatively quiet and tranquil. This is a great place for family to lay down a big blanket and have a little picnic. This is also one of the best places to snorkel, as this area is filled with little fish and corals, even close to the shore.

Palm Island

Ok, this one is technically not a beach, but a must-visit attraction for family fun. This small water park oasis is located further down the Mangel Halto Beach and is reachable by boat. This water park offers 6 hours of fun activities, food, drinks, and a chance to see pink flamingoes up close!



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The Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins and its history

(Oranjestad)—The Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins is one of the most visited places by tourists on the island, as it lies along the northern coast line near the mini pool and on the way to the Natural Bridge. Despite its seemingly plain appearance, this ruin represents one of the most important histories of the island: The Aruban Gold Rush.

Built in 1872 by English company Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd, the gold mill at Bushiribana was constructed in the area where most gold was found by locals. The story of gold on Aruba actually dates back to 1725, when a first exploration for gold on the island was commissioned by the Dutch West India Company. Under the leadership of Mr. Paulus Printz, a three-year search was conducted on Aruba, to no avail. Though they found some gold, it was enough to motivate a further

search, and the assignment was discontinued by Printz himself.

It wasn't until 100 years later, in 1824, when a young boy found a lump of gold while out herding his father's sheep. His father took it to a local merchant who then sold the lump for \$70. Unbeknownst to the boy and his father, they quite literally struck gold, and as word got out, a gold fever spread among the locals who started searching for more gold. About 25 pounds worth was found.

At the same time, the Aruban government took immediate actions, and informed Curaçao that gold was found. At first, everyone could look for gold, as long as they sold it to the government. However, after some time, the government decided to implement stricter rules and banned local search parties.

Over the years, concession-holding had seen different companies from around the world, all of which used primitive methods to dig and carve out gold from the rocks. Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd. was no different, but used a unique method that involved grinding the rocks and letting the dust be blown away by the strong northeast wind, leaving clumps of gold behind. The next step was melting the gold and letting it attach to quicksilver in order to obtain pure gold. All these processes were done at the Bushiribana Gold Mill.

The gold mill itself had a short life-span: only 10 years in service, but its structure remained relatively solid till this day, and is now a historical remnant. □

Sources: Etnia Nativa & gold-mineranch.com.



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For today we received a lovely message from Steve Shade from Boston MA, USA.

He wrote to us saying: "What Aruba means to me is an annual peaceful get away with my wife Vici for our Anniversary and her birthday. Aruba is and always will be our happy place!"

Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □

Don't forget to visit Aruba's famous Red Anchor

At the south east coast of the island, standing alone on a windswept and barren land stands a popular Aruba landmark – a large anchor. It overlooks the sea just beyond, watching over the shipping lanes. It stands there in memory and in honor of all seamen who have lost their life at sea.

Where to Find the Anchor?

The anchor is a "must see" landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when your visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the "T" junction to Baby Beach.

Depending on where you are staying on the island, follow the signs that indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

About the Anchor

Size
It will be hard to miss the anchor, it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos, is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the "fluke" or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos.

This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

Where did the Anchor Come From?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you think it might be!)

Story 1:

"According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of



The Red Anchor situated at the entrance of former Lago Colony in San Nicolas

the island. This is the usual shallow mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would walk out three shackles (about 90 feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain."

Story 2:

"Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lifted another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them."

How Did The Anchor Become a Landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba;

Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis – Owner of Filtec at Zeewijk in San Nicolas), were having a conversation with Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr. at his famous Charlie's Bar and Restaurant in San Nicolas. Charlie, who was a visionary and had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The "anchor", which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option. Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present location and dedicated "To All Seamen" on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

Through the Years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam

Speziale, requested assistance from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Refinery, graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was rededicated "To All Seamen" in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

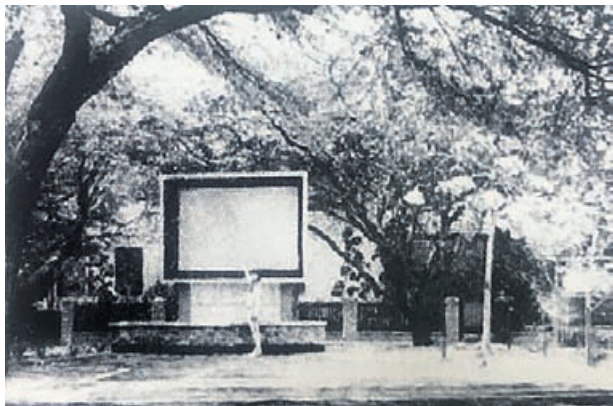
Today, the anchor stands both as memorial to all seamen who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.

The Best Time to Visit

When your planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule. □

Forgotten gems Open air movie theaters



(Oranjestad)—During the span of over 100 years, Aruba only saw five open air movie theatres. Now practically obsolete on the island, these theaters were once frequently visited by locals and migrants in the 20th century.

The first open air theater was constructed in 1920 and was commissioned by Shon Eduard (Eddy) de Veer. This theater was located at the Hotel Colombia in Oranjestad, which is now where the Aruban census office is located. The theater was simple; it only consisted of a screen, and visitors had to bring their own chairs to enjoy the popular silent movies of the time.

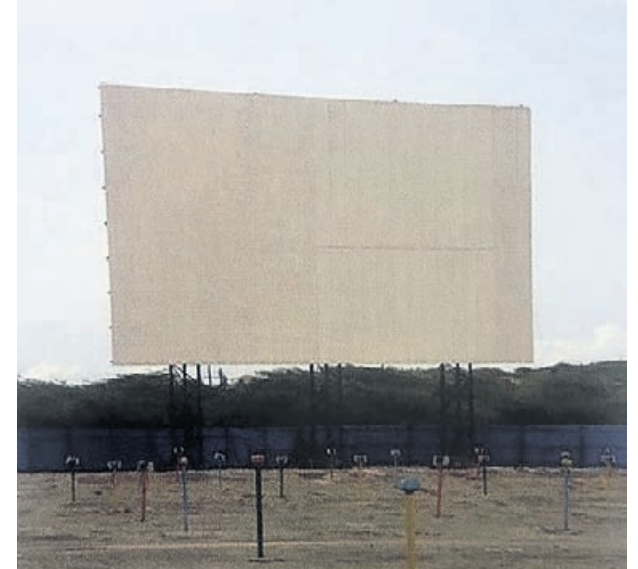
American migrants who worked in the refinery and lived in the Lago Colony in Sero Colorado also had their piece of the pie with their Open



air Theatre, which formed part of the Esso Club, also known as the Pan-Am Club. It was at this theater that "Talkies" were first streamed, movies with sound. This theater mostly streamed American blockbusters for the American expats, this way making sure that these migrant were not missing out on entertainment from their home land.

In the 1950's and 60's, Savaneta saw their own open air theater, located in front of the Mariner's Kazerne (Marine Barracks). This theater was mostly visited by the neighboring marines, who didn't have much entertainment other than movies at that time.

The last and most recent open air theater was constructed in the form of a drive-in theater. A



popular American concept, the Drive Inn located in Balashi was a hot spot for teenagers, who had the habit of cramming all their friends in one car to go see the movies. For this phenomenon there was a separate price that you had to pay called the "car crash".

This theater closed around 2012, but was re-opened during the pandemic in July 2020, where movies were streamed on a gigantic screen set up in front of stacked containers. However, this nostalgic form of entertainment did not last very long as it was closed again only a year or two later. Nowadays you can still see the stacked containers when you drive near the bridge in Balashi. □

Source: "De kolibrie op de rots en meer over de geschiedenis van Aruba" by Evert Bongers.

Meet Aruba's biggest hero Boy Ecury

(Oranjestad)—This past May 4th, Aruba as well as The Netherlands commemorated those who sadly perished during the Second World War. As is known around the globe, this chapter in world history is one of the most tragic yet, and many soldiers and rebels have died on the frontline during this time.

One of those rebels who have fought against the Nazi regime, was an Aruban named Segundo Jorge Adelberto "Boy" Ecury. Born in Aruba on April 23rd, 1922, Boy spent his childhood on the island, before being sent to The Netherlands by his father when he was 15 years old to continue his studies abroad. This was in 1937, three years before WWII broke out.

During the war, he actively participated in the rebellion in The Netherlands against the Nazi regime, but his rebellious streak and constant drive

to fight for justice began even before the war broke out. Being a person of color with a Haitian heritage living in The Netherlands made him vulnerable to discrimination, and this inspired him to be an activist, to stand up and fight against discrimination and oppression.

After seeing the horrific bombings of Rotterdam first-hand, he decided to join the resistance. At the same time, he was still studying and living with family in Tilburg. It was there where he met people who printed and distributed the rebellion newspaper. This would be the first of three rebellion group that he would join throughout his 4-year service to the resistance.

Boy's primary task as member of the group was to distract the German soldiers while others ran into hiding into alleyways. This he was able to do because of his skin color and confronting demeanor. Boy also participated in the multiple sabotaging operations against the German military occupying The Netherlands. These included bombings on German military trucks and trains. The group also helped people go into hiding, as well as opened fire against allies of the Nazi regime. In these op-



erations, Boy really stood out for his cold bloodedness.

In 1943, he received a notice to be placed for work in Germany. This he refused, of course, and went into hiding using multiple addresses in multiple cities. Because he was a wanted man, he of course could not continue to be active as a rebel. However, stubborn and naturally rebellious as he was, he always tried to join in on the operations regardless.

In 1944, after his friend Luis de Lanoy, a fellow rebel from Curacao, was arrested and executed, he moved to Delft, where he joined his third and last group in Rotterdam. During this time, he wrote a goodbye letter for his family, possibly knowing the risks of him being active again in the big cities.

Eventually, he proved himself right. On November 5th, 1944, Boy Ecury was arrested by German soldiers. He was placed in the "Oranjarahotel" prison in Scheveningen, The Hague, where he was questioned. Despite



being given away by an acquaintance, he himself never gave away the names of his comrades. Famously, he told his cell mate: "I will die with a smile on my face."

On November 6th, 1944, Ecury was executed. He was only 22 years old.

Ecury was buried with military honor. In 1949, the Aruban Government erected a monumental bust of him in front of what is now the linear park trail, and in 1984 he received the Resistance Memorial Cross postmortem.

Boy's life motto was this: "In my father's house, there is no place for a traitor."

Source: "De Kolibrie op de Rots (en meer over the geschiedenis van Aruba)" by Evert Bongers.

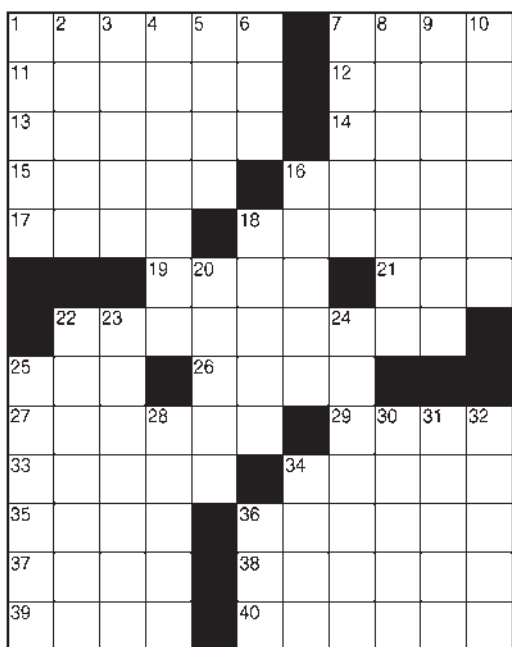


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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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CRYPTOQUOTE

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WED	09	FREEWINDS	06.00	****	E	1
SUN	13	FREEWINDS - Dept.	****	22.30	E	-
TUE	15	ADVENTURE OF THE SEAS	07.00	16.00	C	1
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		CARNIVAL VISTA	08.00	16.00	C	1
		RHAPSODY OF THE SEAS	08.00	23.00	B	1
		FREEWINDS	06.00	****	E	1

Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.



Electrical power

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.



Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.



Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku



Difficulty: ★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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2	1	4	5	8	3	7	9	6

Difficulty: ★★★

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Snap, crackle, sale: Nutella maker Ferrero plans to buy WK Kellogg for \$3 billion



This is a shelf of Kellogg's Frosted Flakes cereal at a market in Homestead, Pa., on Monday, Feb. 24, 2025.

Associated Press

By DEE-ANN DURBIN and
MICHELLE CHAPMAN
AP Business Writers

Italian confectioner Ferrero, known for brands like Nutella and Kinder, is buying the century-old U.S. cereal company WK Kellogg in an effort to expand its North American sales. The Ferrero Group said Thursday it will pay \$23 for each Kellogg share, or approximately \$3.1 billion. The transaction includes WK Kellogg Co.'s six manufacturing plants and the marketing and distribution of its breakfast cereals across the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. WK Kellogg's shares were up 31% in mid-afternoon trading on Thursday. Kellogg was founded in Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1906 after its founder accidentally figured out how to

make flaked cereal while he was experimenting with granola. Kellogg still makes Corn Flakes, as well as Froot Loops, Special K, Frosted Flakes, Rice Krispies and other cereals. Kellogg now has four U.S. plants, which are located in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Nebraska. It also has a plant in Mexico and a plant in Canada. The company has around 3,000 employees. The current company was formed in 2023, when Kellogg snack brands like Cheez-Its and Pringles were spun into a separate company called Kellanova. M&M's maker Mars Inc. announced last year that it planned to buy Kellanova in a deal worth nearly \$30 billion. Ferrero Group, a privately held, family-owned company founded in Italy

in 1946, has been trying to expand its U.S. footprint. In 2018 it bought Nestle's U.S. candy brands, including Butterfinger, Nerds and SweetTarts. In 2022, it bought Wells Enterprises, the maker of ice cream brands like Blue Bunny and Halo Top.

"Over recent years, Ferrero has expanded its presence in North America, bringing together our well-known brands from around the world with local jewels rooted in the U.S. Today's news is a key milestone in that journey, giving us confidence in the opportunities ahead," Ferrero Executive Chairman Giovanni Ferrero said in a statement. Gary Pilnick, WK Kellogg's chairman and CEO, said the combination would give Kellogg resources to grow its brands and "explore opportunities beyond cereal." Pilnick also said that Ferrero has a track record of supporting the

communities in which it operates. Kellogg has been struggling with a long-term decline in U.S. cereal consumption as consumers turned to protein bars, shakes and other breakfast items. Cereal sales got a bump during the coronavirus pandemic as more families stayed home, but sales continued to decline after the pandemic eased. □



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ARUBA TODAY NEWS



Michael Douglas and Danny DeVito revisit 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' for its 50th anniversary

By **LINDSEY BAHR**
AP Film Writer

Jack Nicholson did not want to go to the Oscars. It was 1976 and he was nominated for best actor in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." The Miloš Forman film, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a nationwide theatrical re-release on July 13 and July 16, had become a bit of a sensation — the second highest grossing picture of 1975, behind "Jaws," and had received nine Oscar nominations.

But Nicholson wasn't feeling optimistic. In five years, he'd already been nominated five times. He'd also lost five times. And he told his producer, Michael Douglas, that he couldn't go through it again.

"I remember how hard I had to persuade Jack to come to the ceremony. He was so reluctant, but we got him there," Douglas said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "And then of course we lost the first four awards. Jack was sitting right in front of me and sort of leaned back and said 'Oh, Mikey D, Mikey D, I told you, man.' I just said, 'Hang in there.'" Douglas, of course, was right.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" would go on to sweep the "big five" screenplay, director, ac-



This image released by Fathom Entertainment shows Jack Nicholson, seated left, and Danny DeVito, seated right, with supporting cast in a scene from "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." Associated Press

tor, actress and picture the first film to do so in 41 years, ("It Happened One Night," in 1934) which only "The Silence of the Lambs" has done since.

That night was one of many vindicating moments for a film that no one wanted to make or distribute that has quite literally stood the test of time.

"This is my first 50th anniversary," Douglas said. "It's the first movie I ever produced. To have a movie that's so lasting, that people get a lot out of, it's a wonderful feeling. It's bringing back a

lot of great memories."

The film adaption of Ken Kesey's countercultural novel was a defining moment for Douglas, a son of Hollywood who was stuck in television and got a lifeline to film when his father, Kirk Douglas, gave him the rights to the book, and many of the then-unknown cast like Danny DeVito and Christopher Lloyd.

DeVito was actually the first person officially cast. Douglas, who'd known him for nearly 10 years, brought Forman to see him play Martini on stage.

"Miloš said, 'Yes! Danny! Perfect! Cast!'" Douglas said in his best Czech accent. "It was a big moment for Danny. But I always knew how talented he was."

A Joyful Shoot

Though the film's themes are challenging, unlike many of its New Hollywood contemporaries it wasn't a tortured shoot by any stretch.

They had their annoyances (like Forman refusing to show the cast dailies) and more serious trials (they found out halfway through production that William

Redfield was dying of leukemia), but for the most part it was fun.

"We were very serious about the work, because Miloš was very serious. And we had the material, Kesey's work, and the reverence for that. We were not frivolous about it. But we did have a ball doing it," DeVito said, laughing.

Part of that is because they filmed on location at a real state hospital in Salem, Oregon. Everyone stayed in the same motel and would board the same bus in the morning to get to set. It would have been hard not to bond and even harder if they hadn't.

"There was full commitment," Douglas said. "That comes when you don't go home at night to your own lives. We stopped for lunch on the first day and I saw Jack kind of push his tray away and go outside to get some air. I said, 'Jack, you OK?' He said, 'Who are these guys? Nobody breaks character! It's lunch time and they're all acting the same way!'"

Not disproving Nicholson's point, DeVito remembers he and the cast even asked if they could just sleep in the hospital.

"They wouldn't let us," DeVito said. "The floor above us had some seriously disturbed people who had committed murder." □

George Harrison's Beatles-era photos to be released in new book



George Harrison performs at a concert in London on April 6, 1992.

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By **HILLEL ITALIE**
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NEW YORK (AP) — A book of Beatles-era photographs taken by George Harrison, many of them never published, will be released next year.

Random House announced Thursday that "The Third Eye," which includes more than 250 black and white and color images, is scheduled for Fall 2026. Harrison's widow, Olivia Harrison, compiled and curated the book, which covers the years 1963-69 and includes photos of the Beatles everywhere from their native Liverpool to India to Shea Stadium.

"I want to show people, from George's unique photographic perspective during the Beatles' early years, the moments when the whole of your life is ahead of you with unknowable possibilities," Olivia Har-

ison said of her late husband, who died in 2001, in a statement released by Random House.

"His images in 'The Third Eye' capture that spirit."

The Harrison book features essays by Olivia Harrison and by two celebrated literary authors: Irish novelist Colm Tóibín (a former chancellor of the University of Liverpool) wrote the introduction, and American short story writer George Saunders contributed an epilogue. "The Third Eye" also includes George Harrison's words alongside his pictures.

Fellow Beatles Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr also have released photo books. Starr's "Photograph," also the title of a hit song written by Starr and Harrison, came out in 2015. In 2023, McCartney published "1964: Eyes of the Storm." □

Amanda Anisimova upsets No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka at Wimbledon and faces Iga Swiatek in the final

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

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LONDON (AP) — A little more than two years ago, Amanda Anisimova took a break from tennis because of burnout. A year ago, working her way back into the game, the American lost when she had to go through qualifying for Wimbledon because her ranking of 189th was too low to get into the main bracket automatically.

Look at Anisimova now: She's a Grand Slam finalist for the first time after upsetting No. 1-ranked Aryna Sabalenka 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in a compelling contest at a steamy Centre Court on Thursday.

In Saturday's final, Anisimova will face Iga Swiatek, who is a five-time major champion but advanced to her first title match at the All England Club with a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Belinda Bencic.

Swiatek was dominant throughout, never letting Bencic get into their far-less-intriguing semifinal and wrapping things up in 71 minutes with serves at up to 119 mph and twice as many winners, 26, as unforced errors, 13.

So it turns out she can do just fine on grass courts, thank you very much.

"Tennis keeps surprising me. I thought I lived through everything, even though I'm young. I thought I experienced everything on



Amanda Anisimova of the U.S. celebrates winning a point against Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus during a women's singles semifinal match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Thursday, July 10, 2025.

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the court. But I didn't experience playing well on grass," Swiatek said. "That's the first time."

She's 5-0 in major finals 4-0 on the French Open's clay, 1-0 on the U.S. Open's hard courts but only once had been as far as the quarterfinals at Wimbledon until now. It's been more than a year since Swiatek won a title anywhere, part of why the 24-year-old from Poland relinquished the top ranking to Sabalenka in October and is seeded No. 8 this fortnight.

Saturday's winner will be the eighth consecutive first-time Wimbledon

women's champion. The 13th-seeded Anisimova, who was born in New Jersey and grew up in Florida, was playing in her second major semifinal after losing at that stage at the 2019 French Open at age 17.

"This doesn't feel real right now," Anisimova said after ending the 2-hour, 36-minute contest with a forehand winner on her fourth match point. "I was absolutely dying out there. I don't know how I pulled it out."

In May 2023, Anisimova took time off, saying she had been "struggling with my mental health" for nearly a year.

Now 23, she is playing as well as ever, her crisp groundstrokes, particularly on the backhand side, as strong and smooth as anyone's. She is guaranteed to break into the top 10 of the WTA rankings for the first time next week, no matter what happens in the title match. "If you told me I would be in the final of Wimbledon, I would not believe you," Anisimova said with a laugh. "At least not this soon, because it's been a year turnaround since coming back and to be in this spot, it's not easy. ... To be in the final is just indescribable, honestly."

For Sabalenka, 0-3 in semifinals at the All England Club, this defeat prevented her from becoming the first woman to reach four consecutive Grand Slam finals since Serena Williams won four major trophies in a row a decade ago.

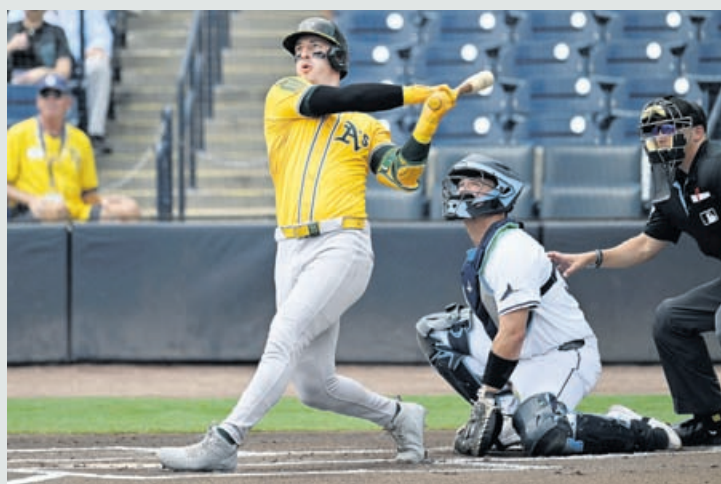
Sabalenka missed Wimbledon last year because of an injured shoulder, then won the U.S. Open in September for her third Slam title.

She was the runner-up to Madison Keys at the Australian Open, and to Coco Gauff at the French Open, where Sabalenka's post-match comments drew criticism and led her to apologize both privately to Gauff and publicly. Sabalenka and Gauff smoothed things over before the start of play at the All England Club, dancing together and posting videos on social media.

On Thursday, Sabalenka began her news conference with as simple a statement as can be, "She was the better player," then laughed. "Losing sucks, you know?" she added in response to the first question from a reporter. "You always feel like ... you don't want to exist anymore."

Anisimova improved to 6-3 against Sabalenka, a 27-year-old from Belarus, and two of the hardest hitters in the game traded booming shots and loud shouts. □

Athletics' Brent Rooker joins list of Home Run Derby participants



Athletics' Brent Rooker hits a solo home run during the first inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays, Wednesday, July 2, 2025, in Tampa, Fla.

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WEST SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Athletics slugger Brent Rooker is adding his name to the list of Home Run Derby participants.

Rooker announced Thursday that he's participating in the event, which takes place Monday in Atlanta. He will become the first Athletics player in the Home Run Derby since Matt Olson in 2021.

"Competing in the Home Run Derby has always been a dream of mine," Rooker said in an Instagram post. "Can't wait to make it happen next week in Atlanta! See ya there!"

Rooker, 30, entered Thursday with a .270 batting average, 19 homers and 50 RBIs, putting him on pace for a third straight season of at least 30 homers. He went deep 30 times in 2023 and had 39 homers in 2024.

His 58 homers since the start of the 2024 season rank him third among all American League players.

The only A's to win the Derby were Mark McGwire in 1992 and Yoenis Céspedes in 2013 and 2014.

Other announced participants include Atlanta's Ronald Acuña Jr., Minnesota's Byron Buxton, Tampa Bay's Junior Caminero, Pittsburgh's Oneil Cruz, Seattle's Cal Raleigh and Washington's James Wood. □



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Tour de France: Healy wins hilly 6th stage, Van der Poel takes yellow jersey from Pogačar

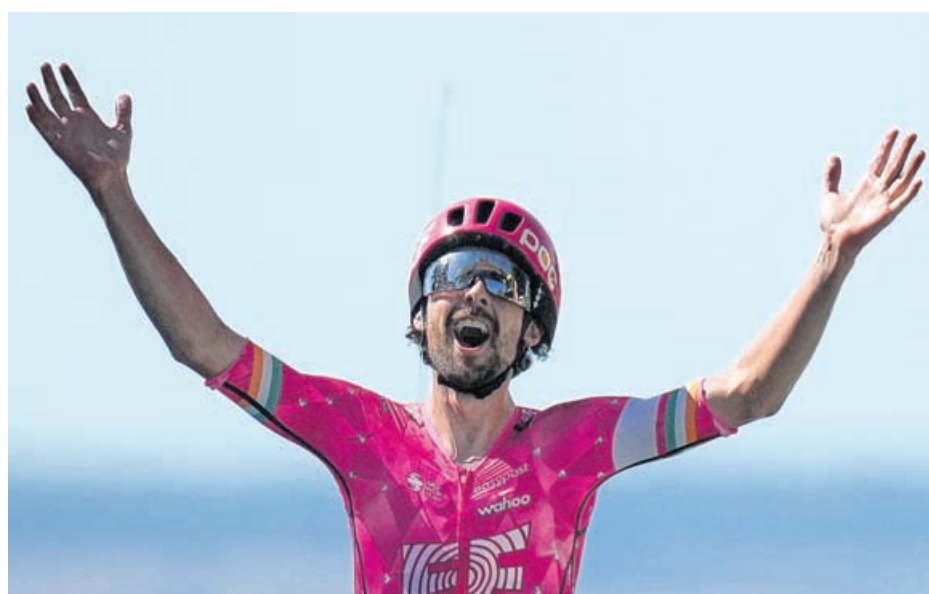
VIRE NORMANDIE, France (AP) — Irish rider Ben Healy won a hilly sixth stage of the Tour de France after a long solo breakaway on Thursday and Mathieu van der Poel took back the yellow jersey from defending champion Tadej Pogačar by one second. The 24-year-old Healy had won a stage on the Giro d'Italia before, but this was his first victory at cycling's showcase race.

"A stage win in the Tour is just unbelievable, it's what I've worked for," he said. "I grew up watching the Tour and wishing one day I could just be there. Participating in the Tour is already an achievement and to win a stage is just so so amazing."

American rider Quinn Simmons finished 2 minutes, 44 seconds behind Healy in second place and Australian Michael Storer was 2:51 back in third spot.

Van der Poel finished eighth, and Pogačar was a little further back in ninth. Stage 6 took riders over 201.5 kilometers (125 miles) from Bayeux to Vire Normandie, featuring six minor climbs before a sharp uphill finish with a 10% gradient.

The Slovenian star accelerated at the



Ireland's Ben Healy celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the sixth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 201.5 kilometers (125.2 miles) with start in Bayeux and finish in Vire Normandy, France, Thursday, July 10, 2025.

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end of the stage but could not quite do enough to stop the yellow jersey going to the 30-year-old Dutchman Van der Poel, who is not considered a race contender.

"I would have loved to have a bit more than one second but I'm happy to have it again," said Van der Poel, who struggled with the heat. "I'll try

my best to recover as good as possible and then we'll see tomorrow, but first I'm going to enjoy the yellow jersey. I will probably only have it for one day."

Two-time Tour winner Jonas Vingegaard finished 10th, just behind Pogačar, and is fifth overall.

The route favored allrounders and

an experienced-looking eight-rider breakaway, including Stage 2 winner Van der Poel and Giro d'Italia champion Simon Yates, pulled away from the yellow jersey group around three-time Tour winner Pogačar.

Riding through rolling countryside they opened up a four-minute lead with 40 kilometers to go, which is when Healy decided to go for the stage win and pulled away from his rivals, who could not follow.

"Today's stage really suited me, I had circled this day from the start," Healy said. "I knew I needed to get away from the group, I think I timed it well and I caught them by surprise a little bit. Then I knew what I had to do: just put my head down."

Friday's stage is also hilly. Stage 7 is 197 kilometers long, starting from the port city of Saint-Malo and finishing with a climb up Mûr-de-Bretagne in Brittany's picturesque Côtes-d'Armor department.

"When you see how Tadej is riding," Van der Poel said, "if he attacks tomorrow, or Jonas as well, it will be very difficult not only for me but for the whole bunch to follow on this climb." □